

Appl. No. 09/708,923  
Reply to Office Action of Dec. 23, 2003  
Docket No. TRNSV-001C

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of: Makower, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/708,923 )  
Filed: November 8, 2000 )  
For: Methods and Apparatus for )  
Bypassing Arterial Obstructions and/or )  
Performing Other Transvascular )  
Procedures )

Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Isabella, D.

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 23, 2003**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.